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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

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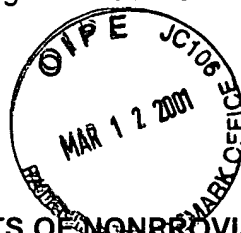
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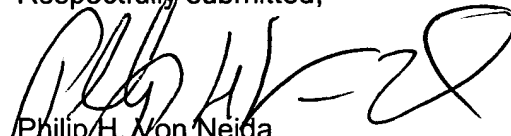
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (copy enclosed) mailed February 26, 2001, Applicants submit the enclosed Declaration (37 CFR 1.63) for Utility or Design Application Using an Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865, the \$130.00 fee required under 37 CFR 1.16(e).

We have also enclosed a copy of the official Filing Receipt mailed February 26, 2001. There is an error with respect to one of the applicant's names. The last name of Johannes Petrus le Roux should read **le Roux**, not Le Roux which appears on the official Filing Receipt. It is believed that the need for correction is not due to any error by applicant and that no fee is due.

The Commissioner is requested to grant any necessary extension of time and is authorized to charge any additional fee, if required, to our Deposit Account No. 02-2865. This request is submitted in **triplicate**.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the PTO processes the reply to the Notice, the PTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

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## Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant

## Foreign Applications

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Projected Publication Date: To Be Determined - pending completion of Missing Parts

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

## Title

Method and apparatus for the production of nitrogen trifluoride

## Preliminary Class